

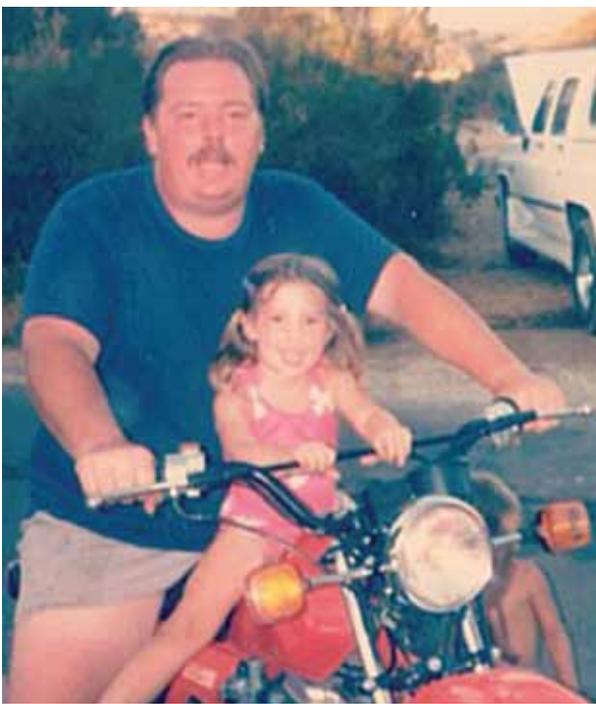
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## *Executive Director's Report*



**By Dave Hastings,  
Executive Director**

ABATE of California is on a roll! Our July Board of Directors meeting in Fresno was well attended and our Locals 17, 44, and 24, along with the State Raffle, came through with some great fundraiser donations. As you know, I always appreciate any monetary donation that ABATE receives, but I have to say "Thank You" to Local 24 from Fresno for their hard work and dedication to our cause. They truly surprised me and everyone else in attendance with the size of their donation and ABATE is indebted to them for the support they have provided to our organization in the last two years. Great job Local 24!

We are still looking forward to our ABATE State Run September 12-14, 2014 in Kernville. As you know, every bit of the profit from this event will be returned to ABATE. So please make plans now to attend our State Run and help support your organization. In addition the Board of Directors voted to become actively involved in the upcoming Unification Rally in Sacramento on October 25, 2014, followed by our last 2014 Board of Directors meeting on October 26th in conjunction with the Unification Rally. Please make plans to attend both the Rally and our Board of Directors meeting and let's show our legislative officials, Sacramento, and the rest of California what motorcycle rider unification really is.

At the July meeting your Board of Directors approved our new "Associate Membership" program

which will grant a one year, free-of-charge, limited membership to any purchaser of a new or used motorcycle from a licensed California motorcycle shop. Our goal is to introduce ABATE to these purchasers and fast track them into our motorcycle rights organization. We have the necessary form available at our State Office so if your Local President is not aware of the program have them contact our office and we will get it to them immediately. All new "Associate Members" will be assigned to the Local closest to their home address and we need your help in getting the word of this new program out to the shops in your area. Again, any new or used, on or off-road motorcycle buyer will qualify for our new "Associate Membership" status, so help us get this new program up and running and help bring new members into our ABATE family!

In closing I also want to say "Thank You" to Chuck Pedersen, President of Locals 3 & 13, for accepting the Legislative Director position. Chuck has been an ABATE member for many years and has held many different positions in our organization and I'm very pleased that he has once again stepped up when we needed him. We will have numerous State and Local Officer positions coming up for election or appointment at the end of the year 2014 and I would like to encourage every member to actively seek a position in your ABATE. Your individual talents are what makes ABATE the great organization it is and your volunteer time provides the strength needed to ensure our motorcycle rights and freedom will be preserved for future generations. Thank you all. Dave H.

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## What is ABATE?

ABATE is a motorcyclists' rights organization (not a club) dedicated to preserving freedom of choice and freedom of the road, with emphasis on education and safety. Our members are active in programs for public awareness and motorcycle safety, and in supporting many types of charity events.

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## Lobbyist's Report

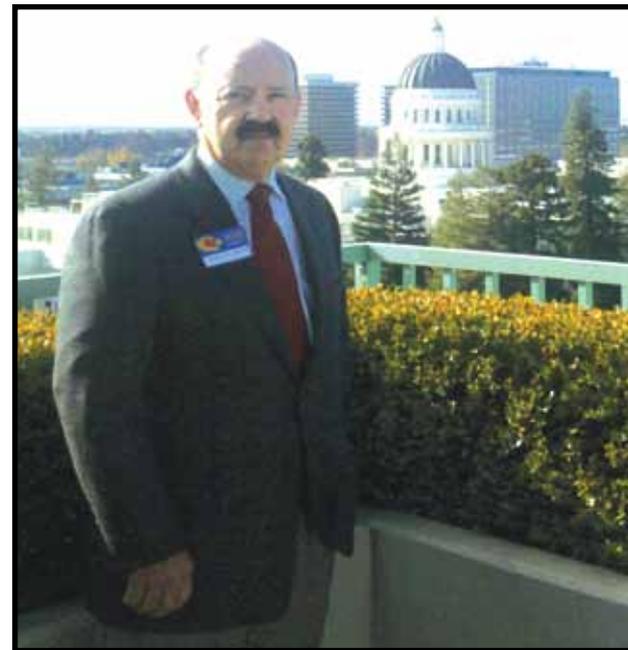
by James Lombardo,  
Lobbyist

The Legislature adjourns August 31st so that members can return home to campaign for the upcoming November 4th General Elections! Our ABATE-endorsed candidate list will be forthcoming - **SOON!** Please take some time and call the endorsed ABATE candidate in your area whether they're your specific Assembly member or Senator, or not.

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At this point (August 15th), no bills were amended to outlaw lane sharing, but I continue keeping a watchful eye on this and other motorcyclist issues, daily.

I will be representing ABATE at this year's annual California Motorcycle Safety Program Advisory Committee meeting in September. If you have any suggestions on improving the training program or how to spend our money in the Motorcyclist Safety



Fund for safety programs, please forward your comments to Carol Cromwell in our State office. I will take your suggestions to the meeting and try to have them considered for the program.

Thanks, again, to all of you who contribute to the Lobbyist fund. And special thanks to Locals 17 & 24 who brought checks to the Board Meeting in Fresno.

Also at the Fresno ABATE Board meeting in July, Local 3's Chuck Pedersen was selected to be ABATE's Legislative Director. I am looking forward to working with Chuck.



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## Supervisor Janet Nguyen with Spike and Gill of ABATE Local 20

Janet Nguyen – Guest speaker at ABATE Local 20

by Spike

ABATE Local 20 hosted yet another political figure to speak at our monthly meeting at the VFW Post in Los Alamitos. Supervisor Janet Nguyen started off by introducing herself then proceeded to inform us of her background and experience and then offered questions from the floor.

Janet Nguyen is a small businesswoman and County Supervisor elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in February 2007 and overwhelmingly re-elected in 2008 and 2012. She is former Vice-President of Government and Public Affairs for the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and is now running for State Senate (District 34).

Born in Saigon, Vietnam, Janet Nguyen and her family escaped their homeland on a small wooden 10-meter boat sailing across the South China Sea in search of freedom. After passing through numerous refugee camps, Ms. Nguyen and her family arrived in California in 1981.

She is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine. She resides in Garden Grove with her husband, Tom, and two sons. Her answers to the ABATE questionnaire reflect concern for our causes and her search for freedom and opportunity may help with our fight for freedom and positive legislation for the biker community.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Local #01 Los Angeles



Hi all! Sporty reporting on this month's meeting – yes, I am back at the helm for this month. I am kind of like those guys that appeared on the Carson show who predicted things. So here goes.

We're having a meeting at the Elks Lodge in Tujunga. Time is 9 am for starters. Pledge will be done by Sporty, who is still one leg short. I will welcome any new members in attendance and give the president's announcements that include the giving of four free entry tickets to the State Run in Kernville and talk about Local 1's raffle prize donations to the State Run.

The next item on the agenda is the Love Ride followed by the Unification Run and final Board meeting of 2014. Next I will ask who might be considering running for the 2015/2016 State Board of Directors term.

Also will be the first talk about the up-coming Fred Jordan Skid row Toy run. Conversation again will fly around the Polar Bear run. To do? Or not to do? If do, where?

Plus another asking by me for folks to change officers' positions in Local 1. Then we will have a membership report by Glen C followed by the vice president's report by Jim Nickla, the run report by Steve B and finally the public relations report by Wildman, if he shows up. Then it's monkey business and breakfast.

Regards, Sporty, President Local 1

## Local #02 Simi Valley



At the August meeting our President Guy "Crash" Corrigan started us off with the flag salute, then welcomed to our meeting ABATE of California, Life Member, Calvin, visiting from Washington State.

We then discussed the success of our 19th Sweaty Buns Run held on July 27th. We had a good turn-out with lots of praise from the riders who enjoyed sliders, fries and an assortment of beverages while listening to the band at our end stop, The Chop Shop, in Simi Valley. We applauded our sponsors who made our run shirt give away to the first 100 riders at sign-in a success. We started to discuss some new ideas for next year's 20th Sweaty Buns Run but decided to enjoy the success of this year's run for now. THANK YOU!! To everyone who helped with this year's Sweaty Buns Run.

Guy then reminded us of the 26th Annual Golden State Rendezvous in Kernville coming up on September 12th thru the 14th check out the flier in the Bailing Wire.

Next up our Secretary Jane, read the minutes from July's meeting, and said our Treasurer Pattibock would not be able to attend this month's meeting. Our Secretary Jane also mentioned Local 3/13 has a monthly ride on the fourth Sunday of the month. Our run coordinator Guy said it sounded like a good idea for this month's fun ride.

The membership drawing was won by Local 2's own Pat Burton who went the extra mile in getting sponsors for this year's Sweaty Buns Run. She donated her portion of the drawing back to ABATE. Thank You!! Pat!

We have our Local 2 meetings on the second Tuesday of the Month at V.F.W. Post 10049, 4242 East Los Angeles Avenue in Simi Valley. We start off at 6:45 p.m. with

a great meal of grilled burgers & hot dogs along with all the fixins and a side dish of the server's choice; then promptly at 7:30 p.m. we start our meeting. Thanks to this month's volunteer cooks, Steve Blevens & Jim Kibbe - fine job as usual!

A speedy and healthy recovery to our P.R. Coordinator Norm E. Newiger who was not able to attend tonight's meeting. Hurry back! I'm not good at typing this stuff!

Respectfully Submitted by: Jane Warthen, Secretary, ABATE Local 2



## Local #11 North San Diego County

Beautiful day here in North County San Diego for the meeting. President Dan Buse started off with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence and prayer by Preacher Dick for those we have lost.

On Wednesday July 30th, President Dan Buse, Vice President Dave Caldwell and PAC Rep and Board member Mark "Dogman" Castillero visited State Speaker of the Assembly Toni Atkins' office in San Diego. They provided information to the staffers on our ABATE meetings and invited them to come speak and left copies of the Bailing Wire.

The meeting then moved on to the lane sharing discussion and guidelines recently removed by the CHP and DMV. General feeling is to leave the law the way it is. Lots of discussion going on regarding this topic. Visit the ABATE of California and ABATE of California North San Diego County Facebook page for more information.

VP Dave gave us the Run/Events coming up. No shortage of that this time of year. First and foremost is the 26th Annual Golden State Rendezvous September 12th-14th in Kernville. Then it's the Unification Rally and Board of Directors meeting at the capitol on October 25th & 26th.

Treasurer Tim Clark let us know the financial situation. PAC Rep/Board member Dogman brought us up to speed on the Associate Membership Program where a person buys a new bike at a sponsoring dealership and gets an Associate ABATE membership for a year. In his/her packet will be ABATE information. The state office will send out the membership packet with information on where their Local is located etc.

Dogman also commented on the shoe drive being run by Illusion Cycles in Westminster. Information in detail on our Facebook page.

Our "opportunity" drawing was won by Cheryl Clark. She kicked her winnings back to the Local. Thanks Cheryl! See you in Kernville, Gary Elliott.

## Local #20 Orange County



Supervisor Janet Nguyen was a guest speaker at tonight's meeting. She is running for State Senate District 34 in November and she came to talk to us about her background, her achievements and to ask

for our vote. Supervisor Janet Nguyen is an immigrant from Vietnam and she thanked the Veterans present for helping in her home country and spoke about freedom and our rights. She professed to be pro-life and pro-gun. You can read more about her at <http://www.janetforsupervisor.com>.

Gill reminded us again how important it is to get video recordings each and every time we are harassed by police because we wear a patch or ride a bike as well as being refused service at any establishment. Gill talked about Black Thursday, a book about Motorcycle Profiling and the Struggle for the Survival Of Motorcycle Clubs in America, written by David 'Double D' Devereaux, Outsiders MC. Double D is a nationally recognized motorcycle rights advocate and spokesperson for the movement. Spike and Gill are working on getting anti-profiling laws here in California like the ones in Washington State. We all need to stick together to fight profiling and the more video recording we have showing profiling the better we can fight against it.

We had a total of 50 people at our meeting, including seven guests. Tonight's dollar draw in the amount of \$25.00 rolls over to next month because Rick Robinson's name was called but he was not at the meeting. The non-politically correct Gill. Submitted by Leenie

## Local #44 High Desert



ATTENTION: Local 44 will not hold a meeting on September 13, 2014 because of the ABATE State Run in Kernville scheduled for the same weekend. Most of your Local 44 Officers will be at the State Run and we encourage you to join us there for a weekend of fun activities. Kernville is a "doable" one day ride from here and the Run offers a single day entry fee so come visit or camp with us on the Kern River that weekend!

Remember Victorville Harley Davidson is hosting a Hot Rods and Harleys night on September 19th from 5-8 pm. If you're in town, please stop by and enjoy the bikes and cars on display that evening and say thanks to the staff who have worked hard to put this event on for our viewing enjoyment.

Our annual Local 44 Halloween Camp Out has been scheduled for October 31 at the Shady Oasis Campground in Victorville. Bring the kids and grandchildren out for Saturday's activities or better yet, camp and party with us for the entire weekend. The campground has full hookup RV sites, rental cabins and tent camping available so start making your plans now for a ghoulishly, good weekend!

October 25th is the date set aside for the second Unification Rally at the State Capitol Building in Sacramento. The Rally committee is expecting a large turn-out for this event. The first Rally held in the spring of this year had about 7000 riders in attendance and many more than that are expected this time based on the already promised participation of riders throughout California and our neighboring states. Be a part of one of the largest one day gathering of motorcycle riders in California and help ensure your "Right to Ride"! In conjunction with the Unification Rally, ABATE will hold its last 2014 Board of Directors meeting on October 26th. So plan to make a trip to Sacramento and watch your elected state officers in action.

Our next scheduled Local 44 meeting will be on Saturday, October 11th at the Eagles. Officer nominations for 2015 will be taken at the October meeting so show up and volunteer for a position next year. Remember, if you're not there you won't be able to turn down a position! So, if I don't see you on the street before then, I'll see you at our meeting in October. Dave H.

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# Motorcycle Safety Report

by Norm e. Newiger, Safety Officer

## Accidents Do Happen

I have stated many times, it happens that fast! The first sentence could cover a multitude of things that happens but I'll keep this about motorcycle accidents. I would bet that no one in their right mind wants to be involved in an accident, that's why they are called accidents. This is not about a road-rage idiot that's trying to scare the breakfast out of you; this covers the most safety minded person or the happy go lucky weekend rider. Your world can go upside down in a heartbeat; this happens everyday, 24/7 worldwide.

It's not experience that will keep you accident free. No matter what level of experience you have there will be that day when you're involved in an accident and this is not about the severity of an accident. When I think about all the accidents I did not have, I do thank myself for not being in one. What I mean is there are a lot of near misses or great reactions in avoiding an accident, soon to be forgotten, its kind of like dreams, you know you had them but quickly forgot about them only to have them the next night. I do ponder on a few missed opportunities here and there, thinking what I did and was it adequate enough for me to forget about it, and or chalk it up to experience.

Riding motorcycles will always have a continuous learning curve because of the human factor and road conditions, because in this world we are all subjected to being the one who causes an accident or the one who is the other party of said accident. In last month's article I reported that there was over 100,000 reported accidents for motorcyclists in the USA (this does not include unreported minor accidents or property only accidents which could be in the thousands). This is not about the one on one accident or a solo accident only because I've seen too many times the multi car/truck/motorcycle accidents - it's like an accident causing another accident simultaneously etc. It does happen!

Hmmm, would tailgating be the cause? You all know we all tailgate by the DMV standards, we all tailgate, period! Unfortunately I have the real time report of an actual motorcycle accident, and unfortunately it is one of my good friends (I cannot mention his name due to litigation) that was just going to see his father down south on a beautiful Sunday morning. This happened on the infamous 405 Freeway in the L.A. area. The 405 Freeway is known for the accordion affect, speed up, slow down, speed up and speed up more and practically come to a stop, I know it's like that on most Freeways, but the 405 is probably in the top 5 in America.

Anyway, his morning started out just fine; a



good breakfast, gassed up and looking forward to a nice ride around 80 miles. He was cruising casually, less than the max speed limit in the HOV lane (or as we know it, the car pool lane). It was mid morning with good visibility and traffic was not that heavy at the time but it had the accordion effect in the other lanes with the HOV lane moving pretty good. He was riding near the double yellow line versus the wall

(And it's my preference to ride closer to the double yellows for the fact that it gives me an escape route rather than rubbing against the concrete barrier. You all know what happens if you hit that wall while riding, it's not like a car when all you get is a scrape (minor or major damage depending on speed) and can get control back, as a motorcyclist it's like being a pinball. You bounce off it, and depending on speed you could get tossed across 4 lanes.)

This scenario is to me one of the most dangerous ones to be in. We all dread the fear of the so called Snake drivers. This scenario even freaks me out while driving in a car. We are constantly looking for them because they don't care if they cross a double yellow as long as they don't get caught by the CHP and get a high dollar ticket. All they want to do is drive as fast as the lucky ones in the HOV lanes and not get stuck in the traffic of life. For this very reason we need to be 100% focused on riding and being in a defensive mind set, but we will relax more as the speed of the other lanes goes faster which is a normal mode of thinking. It's like we're a switch, on again off again over and over as such is the way of riding life on the Freeway. It's a very tense and stressful ride.

Back to my Bro: Anyway he did notice traffic was slowing down in the other lanes then, BAM! A lady crossed the double yellow doing approximately 30 mph while he was doing 55. In a flash he crashed into her rear quarter panel. It happened

that fast! The inertia of the accident sent him over her car and onto the freeway wrestling the asphalt in an out of control way. In a flash his bike was totaled. After everything stopped a really good Samaritan stopped his truck in front of him to protect him until emergency services arrived. A thousand thank you's to whomever you were, I know we all would thank you personally!

Dazed and confused (minor concussion) at the time the paramedics arrived and took him to Harbor UCLA hospital. Initial conclusion was multiple broken ribs front and back, broken left wrist and major contusions from head to feet, the asphalt had chewed him up pretty good. He was wearing a DOT helmet and had no leather protection on his body. After a few days he went home and the real pain kicked in, no more drip lines of morphine. With medical attention as needed, after some partial and very painful healing, the multiple doctor visits and the other business of the accident was his new schedule. He was to be married the following weekend, which he had to cancel.

This is why I say, it happens that fast! Now comes the months of healing and physical therapy and future litigation. It's not a quick fix or happy time, but this was his second major motorcycle accident and he's determined to ride again, thank God!

When I think about the hazards of the road I have to include human error to be the most hazardous one. Because accidents do happen, we have to be educated and alert all the time. Some people would hang up their gloves and opt for the cage while others will continue to ride. It's not about lessons learned, it's about the love of riding, because in reality, accidents will happen and nobody has complete control ever!

Thus, all this tells me about the perils of the HOV lane this month. It's not as safe as you think it is and when you're on a motorcycle it's more dangerous than you think. Is it a visibility thing? Most likely in my mind I forever see this type of driving behavior and I do snake here and there as well. Lucky for me, I've never had an accident.

If you have to slow down because you're thinking the snakers are out there, then do it. I don't know why some people think the HOV lane is the Autobahn, but they do, and it's not! It's about being safe, I would rather have someone pissed at me for riding slow than being pissed at somebody who caused me to have an accident!

The freedom of the road has its responsibilities and being educated, practicing your riding skills and sharing experiences is our obligation. To me this is the mainstay of ABATE! Spread the word to all, experience has no age requirements, just time in the saddle as the old timers would say! Always ride with confidence and safety! norm

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## Donations...Another WOW

### Donations!! – General, Lobbyist & PAC Funds – THANK YOU!!!!

It is a BIG WOW and THANK YOU THIS MONTH...our annual donation letter has been mailed and for one it gets a wonderful and much appreciated response; and two, it lets us know that some Members have moved so the data base can be updated.

Thank you to each and everyone who has contributed to these various funds; either by sending separate donations or by adding extra dollars when you renew!! Large, small and in-between donations all add up when combined, so, THANK YOU!

We will do our best to recognize your generosity by listing and thanking you here; IF we leave your name off, please contact Carol@abate.org or Dave Hastings 760/947-4700 and we’ll list you next month. (Most times it’s just a matter of when the mail arrives and the Bailing Wire deadline.) But it never hurts to follow-up.

Thank you to the following for Donations designated for the **General Fund**:

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Thank you ALL for your donations!! – Wish more of our Members would attend the Quarterly meetings – so you could see first-hand of how much some special donations were that were presented at the July meeting. For the State-wide Raffle – everyone that helped deserves a ‘pat on the back’; Local 24 ran a Fireworks booth, so ALL who had a hand in that deserves recognition – it was a lot of work on their part, yet very profitable for **ABATE!**

And a bit of correction to the August list – when I wrote “Congrats and job well done on your profitable 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Route 66 event!” I left off the Local that was responsible – that was Local 44 - High Desert members.

Donations are welcomed at any time for any fund... you can snail mail checks payable to ABATE of CA; 10240 7<sup>th</sup> Ave; Hesperia, CA 92345-2631. In the memo please indicate which fund(s) you want your money applied to.

## Legislative Director’s Report

### by Chuck Pedersen, Legislative Director

I have only been in office for a month now and I first give praise to all my State Legislative Director predecessors. One can only appreciate the burden of this responsibility when they are here. My grateful thanks to Sandra Lubbers for her mentoring. I promise to lean on you in the future.

There are a couple of things that I do wish to communicate. The anti-profiling movement is something that I will work at finding a direction. Direction is not specific as there is no current legislation to support or oppose. What there is, is movement which I feel ABATE of California should be involved in. I will spend the next couple of weeks gaining input from our members and Board trying to determine the best course of action.

If the public was confused over the regulations of lane splitting, it is worse now. As a result of CHP’s removal of the lane splitting guidelines from their website, the public is even more confused. During the last PAC meeting it was determined that ABATE of California will take no position at this time as the regulations regarding lane splitting have not changed. The CHP taking down that website did not change the

enforcement of lane splitting. However, there is renewed public awareness and with that comes uncertainty. We must watch this. This is a very important freedom that all motorcyclists will want to protect. With the right opportunities we can build and secure our place in protecting motorcycle freedoms!

AB-69 is a water drinking bill that has been scrubbed of the clean water requirements and replaced with clean air requirements. The end result is proposed legislation that will increase the per gallon gas tax that you pay at the pump. I will be working with our lobbyist, Jim Lombardo, to focus on our immediate response. When I said “our” that will be you and me. Right?

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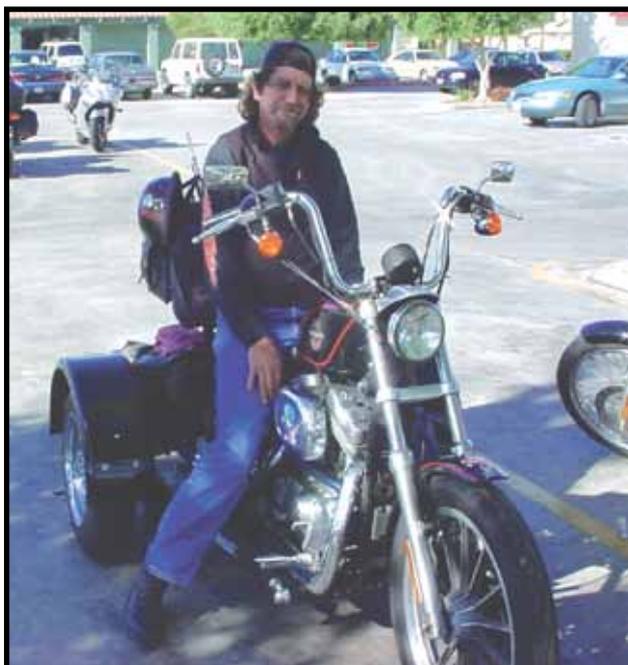
# Sporty's Rides

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan

Hi all! Again we will start with a medical report on my condition. I had the amputation surgery July 15th. Just to refresh your memory: I did not have anesthesia so I used the juice that numbs your body but you're awake. With that in mind during the surgery I heard the sound of a bone saw going. Did it faze me? No I had come to terms with the actual losing of my leg well before the actual surgery. The prospects of being able to work, ride and live a life were better if I lost my lower leg. The plain fact folks is that it just was not healing and would never heal right. So this is why I chose this course of action.

On July 30th I saw Dr. Cordero and he took out the stitches on my stump. Said he would see me September 9th. Wife arranged for an earlier appointment on August 27th. Renee was excited that she could get the earlier appointment. Then a couple of days ago we get a call that the appointment has been changed to September 17th because Dr. Cordero's associate doctor can't see us till then. This news was a very big disappointment as I want my new Prosthetic sooner than later. Now when I see this associate doctor he will give me the condition of the stump and then direct me to see a physical medical specialist. That doctor will check out my stump and tell me where to go for a new artificial leg. This will probably take place later in September. I hope to get my new artificial leg in early October. However that is only if every thing goes right. Again folks the key to this is to be patient. As you all know patience is a virtue. So now we are playing the waiting game. Ok now you're up to date on my leg - beginning to become a large pain in the arse.

Due to the fact my amputation surgery was July 15th I did not do my ABATE Local 1 meeting last month. I had Jim Nickla and Glen ChesLock fill in for me. They did a great job in my absence. Thank



you both, Gentlemen.

I still hobble out to the garage in my back yard and start up my bikes. They start up just fine, long range plans are to get my 2002 - 883 rebuilt and the voyager kit put back on it. I have a local shop in mind for the job. Hopefully for the Local 1 August meeting Steve B will drive me in my little truck that could to the meeting. Either way I will get there.

I recently had my wife, Renee, take me to Target to do the shopping for my contribution to the raffle booth at the State Run in Kernville. So I went around the store in one of those electric carts. I felt like George Castanza in that episode of Seinfeld.

I am missing all of you guys and gals of ABATE. But I shall soon be able to be with you again. Meanwhile I hope you're trying to get members and attend ABATE function in my absence.

Till next time, regards from Sporty Milligan your nonsensical scribe.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Lee 'Sporty' Milligan, Membership Chairman

Greetings all! This month's report starts out with the announcement of the winner of the special membership funding raffle. The drawing was held at the July 26th Board of Directors meeting in Fresno. The winner was Stan Schram and the ticket was sold by Local 17. Again thanks goes to all the Locals that sold their allotment of raffle tickets. The result is that once again the yearly membership drive does not cost us any out-of-pocket expense.

We have a new program going - it is the "Free" Associate Membership. This is a 1-year membership that is given out when you purchase a new motorcycle. I, along with my Board members, will be trying to encourage motorcycle dealers to sign up to do this. There will be a list of what this Associate Membership entitles the associate member to do. It is our hope that after the year is up that we would get a paying full member. I know of at least three dealers in my sphere of influence that I would like to try and sign up to do this.

**NOTE: DO NOT USE the Yellow membership applications or the Membership Application in the Bailing Wire for the Free Associate Membership. The F.A.M. application is DIFFERENT and would be provided by the dealer to the purchaser of the motorcycle or off-road vehicle at the time of purchase.**

Ok, this portion of the membership report is the reminders. Please try and keep your members satisfied so they will become annual renewing members. There are going to be members of your Local that you never see but they renew anyway. They are as important as the members that show up to your meetings. I have a list of Local 1 members that have provided me with an email. I keep my Local 1 members, who for whatever reason don't belong to the discussion list, involved by sending them stuff I feel is important motorcycle wise. Now to not compromise their email by hackers I send the emails in the bcc format. Also there is still a little bit of summer left so you can go to bike nights and recruit new members.

If you have things that you are doing to get members and keep members and want to see your ideas brought to life on a grand scale, then send me, Sporty Milligan, your suggestions to the following [sportymilligan@yahoo.com](mailto:sportymilligan@yahoo.com). I look forward to getting your emails soon.

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Regards, Sporty Milligan Membership Chairman

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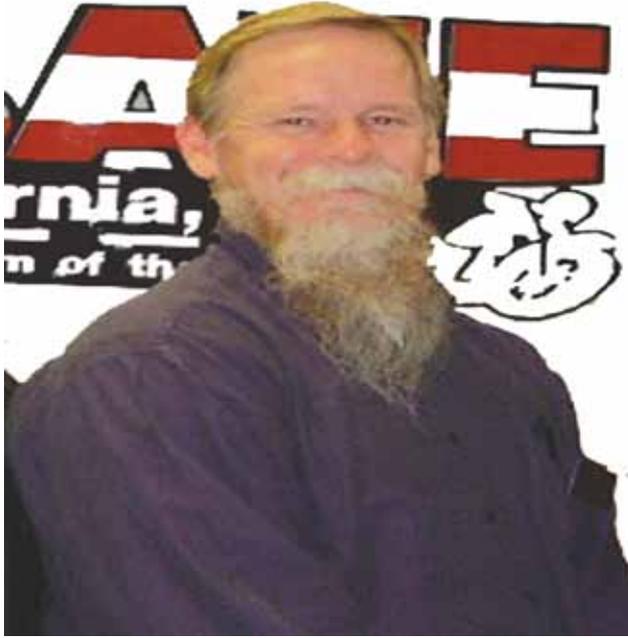
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by **Dave Hastings, Treasurer**

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ABATE has many friends in Sacramento, a few people we would like to see leave, and some that are undecided on many of our issues. Please try your best to make a good impression on every candidate - friend, foe, or fence sitter, and treat them with respect and



dignity. Explain your views, accept their response, and realize that they may have strong opinions on the subject also. Politics is a game that is played with both strength and diplomacy and today's foe will some-

times become tomorrow's friend depending on the issue.

ABATE's strength is measured not so much by the dollars we contribute but by the hours of dedicated work that we are able to donate to a campaign. Offer your help and everyone benefits. So get out there and visit your candidate's office. Sit down and talk with your candidate and the office staff and express your concerns as a constituent, ask what you can do to help with your candidate's election bid, and then follow through with your end of the process.

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### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

**CONGRESS EXTENDS HIGHWAY TRUST FUND:** Acting hours before the government was set to cut payments to states for highway and mass-transit projects, Congress engineered a \$10.8 billion short-term funding patch to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent through next May.

Following several delays, the Senate approved a House-drafted highway bill just ahead of a midnight August 1st deadline to keep federal money flowing even though the HTF has nearly exhausted its reserves because fuel taxes haven't kept up with spending. The federal gas tax of 18.4 cents a gallon, which helps finance the trust fund, has remained unchanged since 1993, and drivers have increasingly turned to more fuel-efficient cars and higher-mileage motorcycles.

But the issue is far from resolved, as lawmakers failed to reach a long-term solution to pay for federally funded transportation projects and gives President Barack Obama occasion to promote his ideal transportation measure; the "GROW AMERICA Act"; a \$302 billion four-year surface transportation reauthorization proposal which happens to include a push for mandatory motorcycle helmet laws nationwide:

"Title IV — Highway And Motor Vehicle Safety," SEC. 4004: Amendment to Motorcyclist Safety Grant Criteria, the GROW AMERICA Act would amend Section 405(f) of title 23, United States Code by inserting the following: "SUPPORT ACTIVITY — The (Transportation) Secretary or the Secretary's designee may engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to motorcycle helmet use laws."

While the temporary fix will kick the debate into next year, after the November elections and the swearing in of a new Congress, don't wait to contact your Senators and Representatives to let them know where you stand!

**SELF-DRIVING CARS JUST AROUND THE CORNER:** Cars that drive themselves are almost here. They'll be for sale in 2020, if not earlier. "Prototypes have shown that the technology works," according to The Kiplinger Letter, a business bulletin passed along to NCOM by A.I.M. Attorney Ralph C. Buss, "and major automakers are racing to commercialize it."

The shift to "autonomy" has already begun. Cameras, radar sensors and tiny computers let a growing number of new models park themselves, brake automatically, or take the wheel when drivers stray from their lanes. Think of it as cruise control that navigates, and never gets tired or distracted.

Automakers are just getting started...advances likely in the next few years: brighter headlights that'll double as sensors to gauge following distances and detect obstacles ahead; software with artificial intelligence to control the car and anticipate other drivers' actions; new cameras capable of "seeing" lane dividers through snow or fog.

Though fatalities are on the decline, 30,000 people still die in accidents each year, mostly caused by human error. While not foolproof, safety advocates believe electronics and software can slash accident rates, and fewer accidents and less damage will lead to lower insurance premiums.



Traffic experts also predict an economic boon, as autopilot software lifts productivity by allowing workers to do more while commuting, can keep older workers on the job longer, and lets more people work farther away by making long commutes less tedious as the car does most of the driving and coordinates with other self-driving cars to avoid traffic jams even in congested environments.

Lest motorcyclists feel left out of the mix, Google recently requested permission in California to test riderless motorcycles on public roads. A prototype motorcycle that balances and steers without a rider has already been built by Google engineers.

**SPLITTING CONTROVERSY:** California is the only state in the nation that does not outlaw the practice of lane-splitting, in which motorcyclists use the space between lanes when traffic is slow or has stopped. Though not "legal," neither is the practice illegal, and until now the California Department of Motor Vehicles and the California Highway Patrol were encouraging riders to do it safely and recently even published online guidelines for safe tactics to minimize the risk of accident.

But now the CHP has come under fire from a state employee who charged the police agency had exceeded its authority by recommending lane splitting. The Office of Administrative Law agreed, and told the CHP to take down the guidelines, now removed since July 7th.

Since the CHP's decision to remove the guidelines, motorcycle safety experts and motorcycling organizations have stepped up to voice their concerns about the future of lane-splitting, which supporters contend decreases traffic and helps motorcyclists' avoid overheating, and increases rider safety by reducing the number of accidents involving motorcycles hit from behind while stuck in traffic jams.

**AUSTRALIAN "BIKIES" SCORE TAXPAYER-FUNDED WAR CHEST:** Queensland 'bikies' will have nearly \$180,000 in taxpayer money to fight the state's tough criminal motorcycle gang laws after a landmark High Court decision ordering the South Australian government to pay the Mongols MC \$178,000 in legal costs after losing a high-profile court battle four years ago to banish gangs from its borders.

Bikie sources told the Gold Coast Bulletin that the money would be tipped straight into the bid to challenge the Vicious and Lawless Association Disestablishment laws pushed through by the Newman Government. After covering legal bills, any remainder would go into a "fighting fund" to challenge similar laws being used in Queensland and NSW.

In 2010, SA's so-called "bikie gangs" -- including the Finks, who later became the Mongols -- formed a united front to challenge the state's anti-association laws in the High Court.

The High Court ruled the laws obliged the state's courts to impose control orders on bikies at the request of the Attorney-General and police, without

any evidence. It dubbed the legislation "constitutionally repugnant" and said it undermined the independence of judges and forced them to find guilt "based on assumptions."

**MOTORBIKERS IN NORTH KOREA ORDERED TO PARK TO SAVE FUEL:** It is no secret that North Korea suffers chronic shortages of fuel, but now the scarcity has claimed a new class of victims: motorbike riders. Following a drop in oil imports from China, North Korean authorities have cracked down on private motorbike use in order to conserve fuel for military and government officials.

The new restrictions come just as motorbikes have been emerging as the next stage in the evolution of vehicular transport in North Korea, much as they had in other parts of Asia decades ago. Motorcycle ownership is widely considered a status symbol in North Korea, where most people still travel on foot. Many motorbike owners supplement their income by using them as taxis.

The restrictions could not be independently verified and have not been reported in North Korea's own state-run press, but the DailyNK website specializing in North Korean news said the restrictions ban private motorbike use except in the morning commute and at night, and that violators risked confiscation of their vehicles.

Even before the new restrictions on motorbikes, riders faced hazards peculiar to North Korea's authoritarian system -- long-distance travel permit requirements, decrepit roads, an unpredictable black-market for gasoline and petty corruption among the police, including stopping motorbikers just to extort their gasoline.

**BOOBYTRAPS FOUND ON OFF-ROAD TRAILS:** Federal authorities in Arizona are warning off-highway-vehicle riders to be wary of trails in the Coconino National Forest near Happy Jack, Arizona where trail riders have reported the tires of their all-terrain vehicles and off-road motorcycles were punctured by rebar spikes, sharpened and partially buried in trails heavily used by responsible enthusiasts and their families.

No injuries have been reported, but the sabotage endangers riders, hikers and even animals.

"The end of the rebar has been flattened and sharpened to a point, and the exposed point has been painted to blend in with the road surface," Mogollon Rim District Ranger Linda Wadleigh said in a statement. The rebar was placed in areas frequented by off-highway vehicles, but "The objects pose a serious threat to everyone, and that doesn't just mean people recreating on a motorcycle or OHV, it includes people walking, hiking and even wildlife. We are taking this very seriously and asking the public to keep an eye out and report suspicious activity in the area."

In related news, vandals have placed spiked strips along trails in Colorado in the Pike National Forest, burying the devices along trails used by off-road enthusiasts to cause flat tires and immobilize off-highway vehicles.

Anyone with information is urged to call the Forest Service Law Enforcement Tip Line at (303) 275-5266.

**STURGIS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2014**  
The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long-term positive impact on the motorcycle community and The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation, and world, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists.

For 2014, Deb "Tiger" Chandler was recently inducted into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame in ceremonies held August 6th at The Lodge in Deadwood during Sturgis Bike Week. "In partnership with the Colorado Confederation of Clubs (CCOC), she as

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assumed the role of Colorado Commander of the Coalition of Independent Riders – a registration of independent riders. Tiger has worked tirelessly through the state legislature to address issues of importance to motorcyclists in Colorado including funding for beginning rider training and alcohol interlocking devices for motorcycles. She has also been instrumental in implementing a Biker Day at the Capital in Colorado as a means of opening dialog between bikers and legislators.”

In addition, six others were named to the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame: Clyde Fessler of Harley-Davidson, Jesse Jurens of Legend Suspensions, daredevil Jay “Lightnin” Bentley, bike-builder Keith Terry of Baggster LLC, drag racer Bonnie Truett of Truett and Osborn, and custom builder Paul Yaffe of Bagger Nation.

**WEIRD NEWS: TEEN FAKES ROBBERY TO BUY MOTORCYCLE:** The desire to own a motorcycle drove a minor to stage an armed robbery and even inflict wounds on himself to make it look

convincing. The Pune Cantonment police in India detained a 17-year-old boy for stealing Rs 1.27 lakh from his employer and later staging an armed robbery.

Investigations revealed that the minor staged the robbery as he wanted to buy a motorcycle. A police inspector said the boy was working in Sankla’s travel agency. “On Saturday morning, Sankla gave the boy Rs 1.27 lakh and told him to deposit the money in the bank. However, the boy returned after some time with torn clothes and cuts on his wrists. He told (owner) Sankla that some unidentified persons stopped him while he was on his way to the bank, attacked him and snatched the cash from him before fleeing.”

The proprietor rushed to the police station with the boy, where the inspector later noted: “I became suspicious as the cuts on the boy’s wrists looked self-inflicted. Moreover, he was unable to give proper description of the robbers. We then detained the boy and during sustained interrogation, he admitted that he had staged the robbery because the boy said he wanted to buy a motorcycle and, therefore, hatched the plot.”

**THE TALIBAN ENDORSES HONDA:** Taliban published Azan magazine is quick to condemn America, but loves the Honda CG125. They say there’s no such thing as bad publicity, but Honda can’t be too pleased with the rave review it received from “Azan,” a quarterly magazine published by the Taliban.

An English-language publication, “Azan” is radical propaganda intended to recruit disillusioned Muslims. The cover story for its third issue dealt with how to leave your life behind to join in the Jihad against the West, but buried in the pages of the issue was a full page spread titled “Steeds of War” that highlights the virtues of Honda’s CG125 as a vehicle of choice for the Mujahideen.

“All Praise is due to Allah Who has made the Crusaders flee with a humiliating defeat at the hands of the Mujahideen who have so little resources compared to them. We, the Mujahidin, have won the war with HONDA 125s valued at around \$700,” the magazine boasts.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** “No one wants to pick a fight with a group that can write 100 letters in a week.” ~ Iowa State Senator Matt McCoy, on why ABATE is successful at fighting helmet laws

# July 26, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting Recap

by Dave Hastings, Executive Director

It’s time for a quick “recap” of our July 26, 2014 Board of Directors meeting hosted by Local 24 in Fresno. This recap is presented from my personal notes of the meeting. The “Official” Board of Directors meeting minutes will be available before our next meeting in October and will be issued by our Board of Directors Secretary Nick Benson.

I want to start by saying “Thank You” from the entire ABATE Board of Directors to Local 24 for hosting two of our Board of Directors meetings this year. You guys and gals have done a superb job and we all appreciate the planning, preparation, and hard work you have undertaken to ensure everything runs smoothly on our visits to Fresno.

The meeting was called to order and we had ten of our eleven Board of Directors members present. Sporty was excused because of his medical situation but did send a message saying he hopes to be healthy enough to attend our October meeting. We are all rooting for you Sporty, and October or not, we all know you will be back as soon as the doctor allows you to! Get well soon my friend, ABATE will wait.

We had representatives from thirteen of our twenty six Locals and five of our eight Regional Representatives present. The Board of Directors officially accepted the resignation of Board Member Bob Blatz, Legislative Director Sandra Lubbers, and Webmaster Mike Probst. Greg “Coach” Coppes was appointed to fill the remainder of Bob’s term, Chuck Pedersen was appointed to fill the remainder of Sandra’s term and the Webmas-

ter position was left vacant.

We had a “Moment of Silence” for departed members Mike McMullin, of Local 13 and Timothy (Timmy) Edward Rodgers from Local 48. We also asked for a silent prayer for the speedy recovery of our fellow Board of Directors member Sporty Milligan.

Before I get into the routine business reports of the meeting I and every member of your Board of Director’s want to say “Thank You” again to Local’s 17, 24, 44, and every individual member who helped make our State Raffle a success. ABATE is a volunteer organization and our members always seem to come through when we need them the most. ABATE received some very substantial donation checks at this meeting and has received additional support from our Locals and individual members throughout the year. Somehow the words “Thank You” always seems to be such a small and insignificant phrase when compared to the generosity, dedication, and hard work provided by our members. Our members truly are what makes ABATE the best motorcycle rights organization in California!

Reports: Lil’ David Morena gave the Treasurer’s report thru 7/13/2014 and I gave a State of the State report. Nick Benson thanked our Bailing Wire Editor John Loudermilk for our new “Lost Members” column in the Bailing Wire. Gill Mellen reminded everyone of the Rider Education Course rebate available from Richard Lester’s office for Junior ABATE members. Rusty Russell, our ABATE Insurance Advisor was present and answered questions from the Board of Directors and our members. The winning \$250.00 ticket for our annual Membership Drive was drawn and al-

though I do not have the name in my notes, I know the winning ticket was sold by Local 17.

The Board of Directors appointed Jim Schlachter to be our Liaison to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Tina Sanders announced she is taking prepaid orders for sweatshirts; if you are interested contact our State Office for details. Tina also reminded everyone to pre-register and attend our ABATE State Run in Kernville on September 12-14, 2014. Remember all of the proceeds from the State Run are returned to “your” ABATE! Jim Schlachter presented a breakdown of expenses and profit from the recently completed ABATE State Raffle.

Jim and “Coach” then gave an update on the upcoming October 25, 2014 Unification Rally in Sacramento and the Board of Directors approved a donation to help offset expenses of the Rally from the profit we made from our ABATE State Raffle.

The Board of Directors then voted to approve and implement immediately our new “Associate Membership” program and asked every Local President and member statewide to help get this program off the ground and up to speed. (I have details on this new program in my Executive Director Report.)

The last item on our agenda was to reschedule our October Board of Directors meeting to coincide with the Unification Rally in Sacramento. So, we are asking everyone to attend the Unification Rally at the State Capitol Building on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and then stay for our ABATE Board of Directors meeting on Sunday, October 26, 2014. Look for more info on the Unification Rally and our upcoming ABATE Board of Directors meeting in this issue of the Bailing Wire!

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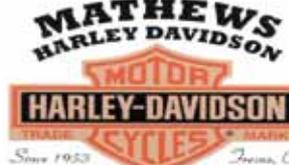
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# Tech Tips by Craig Griswold

## Batteries

If you're doing your own maintenance and using the checklist from the motor company's service manual (highly recommended), you'll see near the bottom of the list the line item for inspecting the battery. The service interval reads "inspect annually." You can probably get by with this, but it wouldn't hurt to take a peek a little more often.

Vibration is one of Harley's signature issues and battery terminals can come loose. This could be misinterpreted as a weak battery and money spent unnecessarily. When connecting a battery, use the locking star washers and a little blue thread locker as well. Also, remember to disconnect the negative cable first, and connect it last. This prevents the arcing and sparking fireworks event should you make contact with a grounded component (usually the frame) while wrenching on the positive terminal.

The presence of voltage isn't always indicative of a battery's health. A reading of 12.8 VDC (volts direct current) across the terminals is good, but if that reading drops below 10 VDC while cranking the engine, the battery's capacity is insufficient. Re-charge the battery and have it load tested by a shop. This is the best way to determine condition.

These days the selection of batteries is extensive. Cheaper units are the wet acid types that require adding distilled water periodically.



Acid is used in the initial activation, but don't add acid when levels become low. Use distilled water only. Two disadvantages to this type of battery are a susceptibility to static discharge, and if they overheat, can leak acid and make a real mess of things. It's a very effective paint remover!

Higher end batteries are of the sealed/maintenance free variety. They last longer than their wet acid counterparts, are generally rated higher in cranking amps, and as the name implies, they are maintenance free.



One of the latest innovations in battery tech is the lithium-ion battery. There are several advantages to these. They operate at higher voltage levels under load. They do not sulfate during periods of non-use, which is what accelerates static discharge. This improves longevity. They are also extremely light! A typical lead-acid battery for a Harley touring model weighs about 20 pounds. The equivalent lithium battery is just about 2 pounds!



The only disadvantage is the cost, which I suspect will reduce over time like most things technical as they become more popular and production numbers increase. While a good maintenance free battery runs about \$150.00, the same lithium battery can be as high as \$300.00.

Regardless of your choice of battery, use a name brand battery tender during periods of no-operation. This will increase the life of the battery. It's not uncommon to get 5-7 years of reliable service from a quality maintenance free battery.

That's the gouge in a nutshell. If you have any doubts about maintenance or selection, call your favorite shop and get your questions answered.

Cheers!

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**September 15<sup>th</sup> – Bailing Wire deadline for the October issue – and ABATE Board Candidates will need their “statement of intent” submitted to [Bailing.wire@abate.org](mailto:Bailing.wire@abate.org) in a word document or pasted into your email. 450 words maximum and attach a “selfie” in a jpg file.**

**October 12 – ABATE Local 17's – Annual Fall Fun Run – (see Flyer in this issue, and on our website [www.abate.org](http://www.abate.org))**

**October 25 (SATURDAY) – Unification Rally – State Capital – Sacramento – 1:00 p.m.** Anyone that is concerned with Motorcycle rights and privileges in California are encouraged to attend. There will be a variety of invited speakers representing many Clubs and organizations; AT-TEND, LISTEN & LEARN!

**October 26<sup>th</sup> (SUNDAY) – 4<sup>th</sup> and last quarterly ABATE Meeting for 2014, will be at the American Legion Hall, 1305 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street ; Dixon, CA 95620-2512.** Presidents, PAC & Board meetings – more than likely the first meeting starting at 9:30 am. Definite details will be on our website when they become available.

**November 4 – State Election Day – VOTE and make sure YOUR mail-in ballot is received BEFORE the polls close!**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Totally Kids fund raiser – (a.k.a. One more from the Heart).**

**November 11 – Veterans Day**

**December 7 – ABATE Local #19 & Pomona Valley H.O.G. Annual Toy Run**

Even if you are not an ABATE Member, YOU are WELCOME to attend ABATE Events - Your attendance and support of these events helps ABATE to continue to represent YOU in our ongoing preservation of “Freedom of the Road”.

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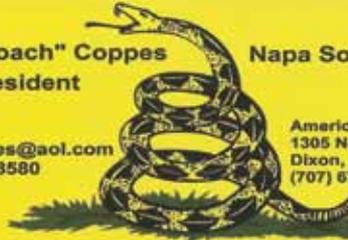
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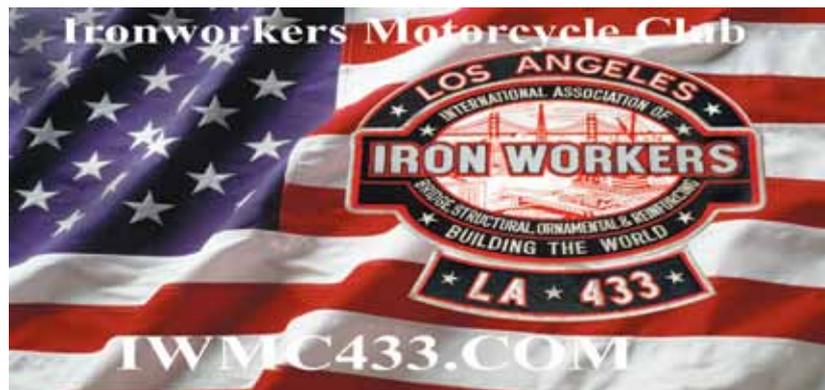


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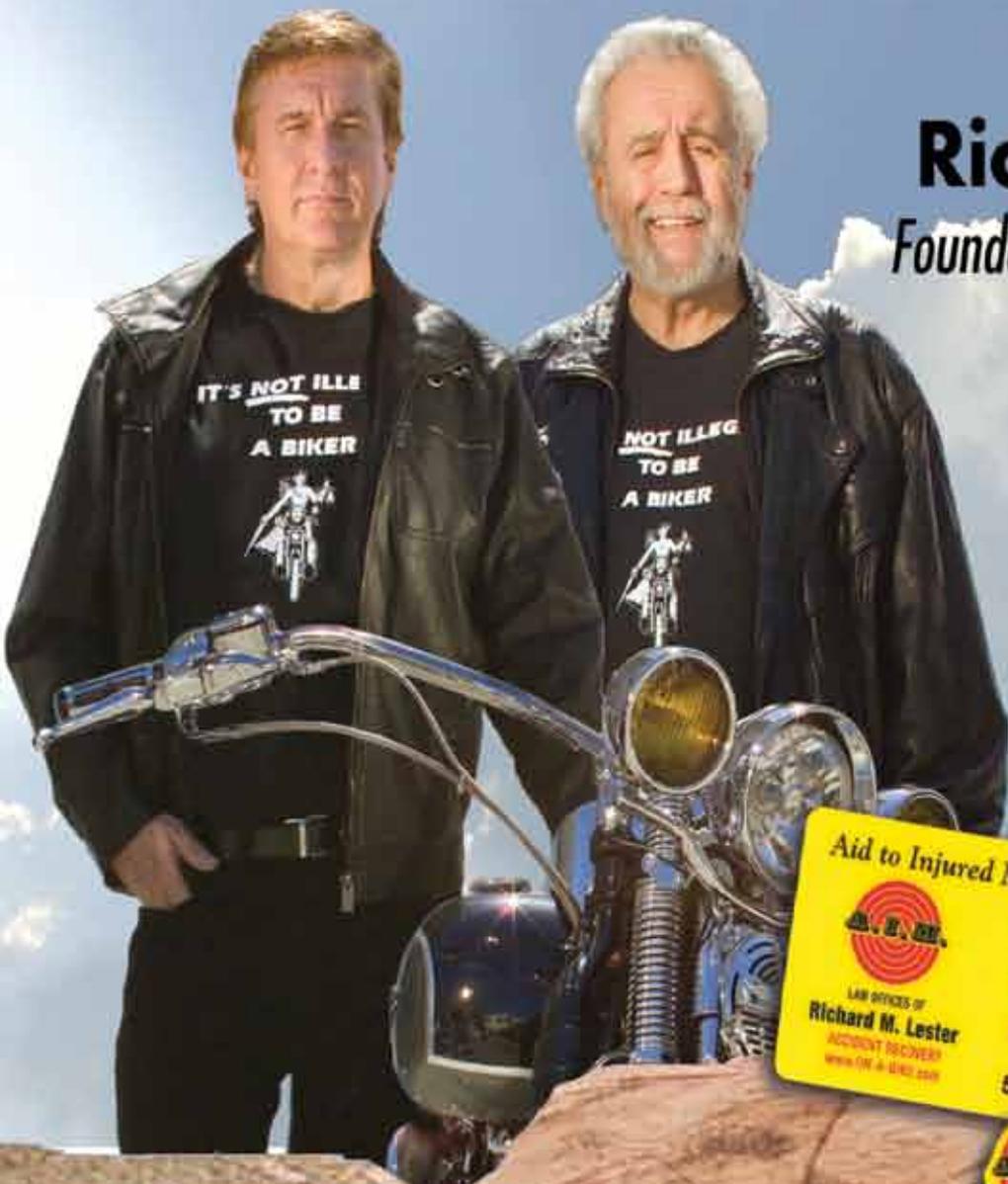
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P O Box 148 Judy's Wild  
Vacaville 95696 Wrangler Saloon  
707/624-6310 4826 Midway Rd.  
Vacaville CA

## Pomona Valley - Local #19-Reg#9

Jeff Bassler 4th Wed - 7:00 PM  
C/O 9648 Calle Vejar Round Table Pizza  
Rancho Cucamonga 1020 N Mountain  
91730 Ontario, CA 91729  
909/596-9685

## Orange County - Local #20-Reg#11

Gill Mellen 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
2104 Continental Ave. American Legion  
Costa Mesa 92627 5646 Corporate Ave.  
949/632-9787 Cypress CA 90630



## ABATE MEETINGS

### Antelope Valley - Local #21-Reg#13

Ron Sundquist 2nd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
37230 52nd St. East AV Roadhouse  
Palmdale 93552 320 W Ave J2  
661/586-5555 Lancaster 93534  
ron.sundquist@sbcglobal.net

### South Bay - Local #22-Reg#11

Suzanne Palmiere 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
310/245-0543 Meet with Local 20  
suzpalmiere@aol.com

### San Bernardino - Local#23-Reg#9

Kevin Sorrell 1st Sun 9:00 AM  
909/793-1112 Vicky's Restaurant  
502 S Waterman Ave  
San Bernardino CA

### Fresno - Local#24-Reg#6

Jeff Krebs 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM  
559/801-5655 Yosemite Falls Cafe'  
www.abatelocal24.org Shaw & Blackstone, Fresno

### Sacramento - Local#25-Reg#2

Lil' David Morena 3rd Thurs - 7:00 PM  
916/616-9605 Denny's  
3520 Auburn Blvd.  
Sacramento 95821

### Riverside - Local#27-Reg#9

Kenny Nuttall 1st Tues - 7:00 PM  
P.O. Box 7070 American Legion  
Riverside CA 92513 2979 Dexter Dr  
951/377-5772 (in Fairmont Park)  
www.abatelocal27.org Riverside, CA 92513

### Morongo Basin - Local#29-Reg#13

Marty Rapp 2nd - Thurs - 6:30 PM  
P.O. Box 2334 Odd # Months  
29 Palms CA 92277 Call Marty for Location  
760/367-1694

### North Valley - Local #31-Reg#2

Larry James 2nd Tues - 7:00 PM  
Last Call Lounge  
530/893-4827 876 East Ave. Chico

### Yuba City - Local #33-Reg#2

Steve Katen 2nd Tues. - 7:PM  
530/749-1003 American Legion  
5477 Feather River Blvd.  
Olivehurst

### Imperial Valley - Local#38-Reg#12

Ed Aranda Last Thurs - 7:00 PM  
760/337-8372 La Fonda Bar & Grill  
220 Wake Ave.  
El Centro, CA 92243

## Bakersfield - Local#40-Reg#6

Godfather 3rd Tues. 7:00 PM  
P.O. Box9311 Rusty's Pizza  
Bakersfield 93389 5430 Olive Dr  
661/301-5403 Bakersfield 93308  
661/323-9819

## High Desert - Local#44-Reg#13

Dave Hastings 2nd Sat. 9:30 am  
760/947-4700 Eagles Order #4181  
P.O. Box 3094 16195 Main St  
Victorville, CA 92392 Hesperia 92345

## Barstow - Local #47-Reg#13

Yermo Eddy Meet with L#44  
PO Box 521  
Yermo CA 92398  
760/953-7353

## Grass Valley - Local#52-Reg#2

Craig Griswold 3rd Wed - 6:30 PM  
21183 State Hwy 20 Alta Sierra  
Penn Valley Pizza & Grill'  
530/263-8071 15690 Johnson Place  
Grass Valley

## Ridgecrest - Local #58-Reg#13

Dave Cornelius Meet with Local#44  
760/447-4342

## Venice Beach/Santa Monica Local # 63-Reg#7

Kimko 310/907-6174 1st Monday 7:00pm  
On the Water Front Cafe'  
205 Ocean Front Walk  
Venice Beach 90291  
mindbodyalignment@verizon.net

### Regions With Local info:

Region 2: Regional Representative Lil' David Morena 25, 31, 33 & 52.  
Region 3: Vacant  
Region 6: Regional Representative Ed Rogers 24 & 40.  
Region 7: Regional Representative - Chuck Pedersen 2 & 3/13 & 63.  
Region 8: Regional Representative Tom Lubbers 18&19.  
Region 9: Regional Representative Mark Loudermilk 23, & 27  
Region 11: Regional Representative Gill Mellen 8, 9, 20 & 22.  
Region 12 Regional Representative Dave Connors, Locals 6, 11 & 38  
Region 13: Regional Representative Yermo Eddy 21, 29, 44, & 47.

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